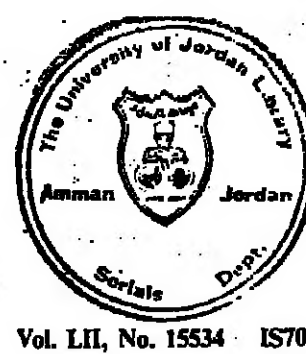


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Budget to Knesset today Living standard to drop about 7% in 1984—Orgad

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad will today table in the Knesset the IS4,300 billion budget proposal for the 1984-85 fiscal year, which starts April 1.

The budget will be adjusted every three months according to the rate of inflation, the level of revenues, and the state of employment and the economy. This was decided earlier this week by the Ministerial Economic Committee at Cohen-Orgad's request.

Cohen-Orgad met with the committee yesterday to present his economic policy for the next year and forecasts for the coming three years. No decisions were made at the meeting, described by one of the participants as "highly academic."

According to Cohen-Orgad, presentation at the meeting, the standard of living will decrease about 7 per cent per capita in the coming year. Investments will drop by about 13 per cent and exports will increase by some 8-9 per cent.

The budget will be tabled at the Knesset more than three weeks after the date required by the Basic Law: State Economy. To save time, the Knesset plenum will be asked to authorize the Knesset Finance Committee to start its deliberations on the budget before the vote on the first reading takes place. The House Committee authorized the government yesterday to submit such a request.

Joshua Brilliant adds: The heads of the Histadrut trade union department decided yesterday to fight what they said was a Finance Ministry plan to erode real wages by 12 to 15 per cent next year.

A statement issued after the department leaders' meeting said the ministry's proposed budget is based on a 12 to 15 per cent erosion and is therefore "not realistic."

The decision was taken after department chairman Yisrael Kessar said the government will make "a grave mistake" if it bases its budget on the assumption that the workers will bear the consequences of its social and economic policy. The workers, he declared, will contribute their share only as part of an overall economic revival program that encompasses the entire population.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir chats with European Economic Community Commission President Gaston Thorn in Brussels yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

EC understands concern over exports — Shamir

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir ended two days of talks in Brussels yesterday with European Community ministers with the belief that the Europeans now understand Israel's concern about its agricultural exports in view of the pending entry of Spain and Portugal in the EC.

Shamir expressed this view at a press conference, adding that "intense negotiations" on the matter will ensue.

Industry Minister Gideon Patt said in Jerusalem yesterday the European Community had agreed to allow Israel to extend imposition of customs on European products for an additional two years. In an interview on Kol Yisrael, Patt said that this was "a nice gesture" and showed that the EC understands Israel's economic hardships. Israel will now be able to impose customs until 1989, instead of 1987 as

previously agreed. Shamir met for about an hour with Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen at a chateau in suburban Brussels, officials said.

Later he met Gaston Thorn, president of the European Community Commission, at EC headquarters, and Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens.

In an address to the 10 EC foreign ministers Monday evening, Shamir deplored the suspension by the EC of the EC-Israel cooperation after Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

He said the EC is Israel's most important trading partner, but added he is worried about its widening trade deficit with the EC, which grew to \$1.7 billion last year.

Israel fears this deficit will widen next January 1, when Spain and Portugal join the EC. "We don't oppose the enlargement of the community," Shamir said. "What is important for us is that Israel's vital and legitimate interests don't suffer from this membership."

Shamir: We won't stay north of the Awali

BRUSSELS. — Israel has no plans "at this stage" to move its forces in Southern Lebanon north of the Awali River, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said here yesterday.

He said the task of Israeli patrols that have ventured north of the river in recent days was "to ensure that Palestinian terrorists do not approach our frontier."

"At this stage we have no plans to extend our line beyond the Awali river," Shamir said. "We are determined that the terrorists cannot get near our frontier or near the frontline of our army."

Of the Israeli air strikes, Shamir said Israel "was not carrying out any military operations against Palestinian refugee camps" but attacking Palestinian Liberation Organization forces.

He spoke to reporters after two days of talks on trade relations and the Middle East with the 10 European Community foreign ministers. He said Israel has no confidence in the ability of UN troops, or any other multi-national force, to protect Israel's security interests in Southern Lebanon.

"Experience has shown that a multi-national force is not a fighting force," Shamir said of the UN troops now in Southern Lebanon and the Multi-National Force of British, French, Italian, and U.S. troops that is leaving the Beirut area.

Asked who could replace Israeli forces in South Lebanon, he said: "Perhaps we can find another Lebanese force among the local population who are willing to ensure their own security."

He said Israel had information that some terrorists had infiltrated back into Beirut.

"We note with satisfaction that the Shi'ite and Druse leaders assure that they will not allow the Palestinian terrorists to establish their positions on Lebanese territory and to use it for attacks against Israel," he said. (AP, Reuter)

Twin IDF moves meant to block terrorist action

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A large Israeli military force yesterday completed a two-day foray some 12 kilometres north of the Awali River and the Air Force bombed four sites near the Beirut-Damascus road, emphasizing Israel's resolve to fight a terrorist return to the area Israel vacated last September.

A military source said the show of force was designed also to encourage the local residents to oppose a terrorist return. The IDF wanted to "make it clear we're still in the area and if the terrorists return we'll fight them."

In an interview over Kol Yisrael yesterday, Defence Minister Moshe Arens said: "We do not want PLO terrorists establishing themselves again in the area north of the Awali River... we have seen an inclination on the part of the PLO terrorists to come down below the Damour

River, and we want to be sure that doesn't happen."

Arens made it clear that Israel's actions were not designed to help Lebanon's Christian president Amin Gemayel fight the Druse and Shi'ite Muslim militias. "We are not Gemayel's allies," he stressed. "The Lebanese government doesn't even maintain diplomatic relations with Israel. We are protecting our own interests and are trying our best to protect our soldiers' lives." The air force raids and the ground patrols have proven effective, and so far there have been no attacks on the troops along the Awali line from the area north of it, he noted.

The land incursion, said to be the 30th so far, involved the largest force ever, Arens said. Merkava tanks and armoured personnel carriers with big Israeli flags fluttering from each crossed the river on Tuesday afternoon in broad daylight.

The force passed through villages controlled by the Christian

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Selling wave washes over stock market

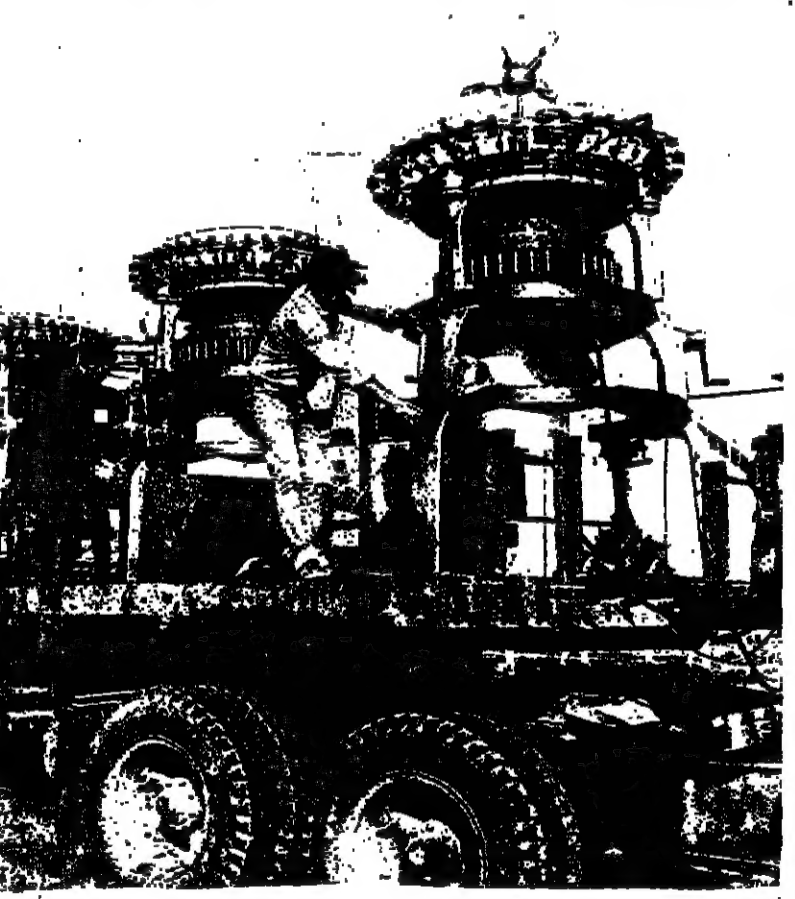
By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A massive wave of selling on the Tel Aviv Stock Market yesterday brought the general share index down by 3.4 per cent, with many shares losing value far in excess of that.

Recent pronouncements by Aharon Meir, United Mizrahi Bank's general manager, and by

Trade and Industry Minister Gideon Patt on excesses in the share market were enough to sink share prices along a broad front.

The Bank of Israel was not prepared to support bank shares covered by the government support agreement, and these, as a result fell by margins of up to 3.7 per cent. Bank shares not part of the agreement were down by as much as 10 per cent. (See Page 7)



Workers prepare yesterday to transfer equipment from the strike-bound Rogosin textile plant in Ashdod to an unspecified location so that the company can resume production. (Story page 6) (Michael Freidin)

Spanish visit could mean improved chances for ties

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset yesterday took the rare step of hosting a parliamentary delegation from a country that does not recognize Israel — Spain.

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor and Mapam MK Victor Shemtov greeted a delegation of the Spanish parliament's agricultural committee, telling them that Israel welcomes Spain's upcoming entry into the European Common Market, even though this will hurt Israel's farm exports to Europe.

Savidor and Shemtov also said that Israel and Spain should establish diplomatic ties as soon as possible.

The delegation, headed by Juan Colino Salamanca, was hosted to lunch by Gad Ya'acobi, chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee. According to an Economic Committee handout, Salamanca said

that diplomatic ties would in fact be established "in the near future."

However, Labour MK Shlomo Hillel, who has regular contact with Spanish parliamentarians in the European Parliament, where he serves as Israel's observer, told The Jerusalem Post: "Saudi Arabia buys an annual \$500 million worth of goods from Spain and has threatened to take its business elsewhere if Spain recognizes Israel. The Arab states have tremendous personal and political influence on Spain's leaders. It will be a long haul for us."

Welcoming the Spaniards from the rostrum at the start of yesterday's plenum session, Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidon said the visit was "a good start to normalization of relations between two countries adhering to the same values and drawing on the same resources."

U.S. Marines begin Beirut withdrawal

BEIRUT. — The U.S. Marines began pulling their combat forces out of Beirut to Sixth Fleet warships offshore yesterday.

Marine spokesman Major Dennis Brooks announced the beginning of the pullout: "Today the support people have gone and we're working on the combat gear," said Brooks. "Today is the first day of the relocation of the actual 22nd MAU (Marine Amphibious Unit) personnel."

Brooks said he did not know how many of the approximately 1,300 marines based at Beirut airport would leave on the first day or how long the evacuation operation would last.

"It will take approximately a week, maybe two," he said.

Asked about the positions and

bunkers and the marines erected during their 17-month service with the Multi-National Force, Brooks said the bunkers would be left intact and "I haven't been informed who's going to be taking over these positions but they're welcome to them."

The marine base has been surrounded by anti-government Druse and Shi'ite Muslim militias from all sides since the militias wrested control of West Beirut from the Lebanese Army 15 days ago.

Brooks said there will be marines left to guard the U.S. embassy in West Beirut. But he did not know how many.

Meanwhile, Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri told a news conference that the Lebanese Army's Sixth Brigade would take over security at the airport and along the airport

road tomorrow. Most of the mainly Shi'ite brigade refused to fight during the battles for West Beirut two weeks ago.

Berri said their deployment would be a prelude to reopening the airport, closed since early 1 month by the fighting. He called on other "nationalist elements and of-

ficers" still in loyal army units to join the rebels.

Berri added that the issue of Palestinian units returning to Beirut, where thousands of Palestinian refugees still live, had been discussed at a meeting of opposition leaders and top Palestinian officials with Syrian leaders in Damascus over the weekend. (AP, Reuter)

Saudi mediation — page 2

Shultz: Israel had good reason to leave Shouf

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz suggested yesterday that Israel will probably have to remain for some time in Lebanon.

Testifying before the Senate Budget Committee, Shultz said again that Israel's withdrawal from the Shouf Mountains last September represented a turning point in efforts to convince Syria to cooperate with the May 17 Israeli-Lebanese security agreement.

Shultz said he was not blaming Israel for the current deterioration in Lebanon, noting that Israel had "perfectly good reasons for leaving the Shouf."

Unfortunately, he continued, Syria interpreted Israel's withdrawal as a sign that domestic political pressures would eventually cause a complete unilateral Israeli pullback from Lebanon.

"I think they (Syria) are going to

turn out to be mistaken," Shultz said, suggesting that Israel's presence in Lebanon may continue for some time.

The secretary was not asked about Israel's latest air attacks in Lebanon. But earlier in the day, the State Department noted that Israel does not have to clear its military activities with Washington. There was no criticism of the Israeli action.

Shultz appeared before the committee to defend the administration's pending foreign aid proposal, about half of which is slated for the Middle East. "Our highest priority continues to be a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," he said.

The State Department yesterday confirmed that Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt has applied for a visa to visit the U.S. next month. He has been invited to address a meeting of the American Druse Public Affairs Committee. The State Department said that

Washington is considering Jumblatt's application.

Both Israel and the U.S. studiously avoided friction yesterday over the New York Times report that the U.S. maintained steady unofficial contacts with the PLO during 1981-2. Officials in Jerusalem were plainly reluctant to be drawn into public polemics on this matter. They merely stressed the extant U.S. commitment, in a 1975 agreement with Israel, not to negotiate with the PLO unless the PLO recognized Israel and accepted UN Security Council Resolution 242.

In Washington the State Department spokesman reiterated that this remains American policy.

One of the largest this century Greek church proposes major Old City project

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem planning authorities will begin next week to consider a church construction project which would be one of the largest undertaken this century within the Old City.

The Greek Orthodox Church has submitted plans for a church, library, offices, living quarters for church officials, rooms for pilgrims, a residence for the patriarch and a meeting room for the Greek Orthodox Synod.

The complex would consist mainly of new construction, though some old buildings would be renovated and an existing facade would be

partially preserved. The plans call for wrecking one house and a number of arched rooms behind the facade, and adding new construction above the ground floor level.

The 5.7 dunam proposed construction site is located on Greek Orthodox Patriarchate Street, a road designated for preservation in a plan not yet given legally binding authority.

Municipal urban planning division head Uri Ben-Asher said yesterday that a municipal planning subcommittee will hold a preliminary hearing on the proposal next Monday.

Objections have already been voiced by former district

archeologist Amos Kloner, who wrote to the city engineer to protest against wrecking the arched rooms.

The Council for a Beautiful Israel has not taken a position on the church's plans, a council source said last night. The council has the statutory right to object to construction which would damage old sites.

The patriarchate's original plans for the complex, designed by a Greek architect, called for what one expert described as "a classical symmetrical structure," but city authorities told the patriarchate that there was no room for the structure and no chance that it would be approved.

At one point in the planning

process, district planning committee chairman Rafi Levy tried to change the master plan for the area in order to allow approval of the plans without giving the public a legal opportunity to object.

Architect Jean Pierre Soraya was then selected to redesign the complex, and his plans have apparently satisfied both the planning authorities and the patriarchate.

But the design may not be final. An expert on large-scale construction in the Old City said the law requires archeological examinations before the granting of planning approval. Plans for a large project may change dozens of times because of archeological finds.



Walter Mondale (UPI)

Mondale wins in Iowa, Glenn takes a beating

DES MOINES. — With a stunning triumph among Democratic voters in the Midwest state of Iowa, former U.S. vice-president Walter Mondale has made a giant leap towards winning his party's presidential nomination.

The ballots cast by around 90,000 Democrats at precinct caucuses in this farm state Monday night gave Mondale a 3-1 victory margin. They also threw the contest among his opponents wide open.

Space hero John Glenn was stripped of his claim to be Mondale's only legitimate rival as he slumped into fifth place, while liberal Senator Gary Hart of Colorado was catapulted into the running after

coming a distant second.

The next test is the New Hampshire primary election on February 28. The eventual winner of the Democratic nomination will face Republican President Reagan in the November 6 general election.

Reagan is virtually unopposed for renomination, and there was no contest for him in Iowa. Instead, he had some fun and won some publicity by attending rallies in the state as the Democrats were about to vote.

His political raid was fast overshadowed by the stunning results of the caucuses.

Nearly complete returns showed Mondale with about 45 per cent of

the popular vote to 15 per cent for Hart. Glenn had only around 5 per cent, behind ex-senator George McGovern and Senator Alan Cranston of California.

Mondale called his victory "perhaps spectacular."

Hart said his showing in Iowa "will be a big boost. It will add additional energy to our effort here."

Hart said, "Hopefully, it does turn this into a Hart-Mondale race... It sets up a contest between the party's future and its past." Hart has long been viewed as a member of the party's liberal wing, favouring a freeze on the production of nuclear weapons and opposes covert U.S. aid to anti-government guerrillas in

Nicaragua. He has supported a strong U.S. military, however.

McGovern, starting late and spending little here, finished a surprising third and called it a "minor miracle."

"A great many Iowa voters... voted their convictions and voted their conscience," said McGovern, the party's 1972 presidential candidate.

"Tonight is the beginning of the end of the Reagan administration. Let the word go out from Iowa to the nation — to all Americans who want a safer world, I am on your side," Mondale said. He also told cheering supporters that the voters had sent a message that they do not

want American troops dying in Lebanon," and that they want a president "who knows what he is doing."

The non-Mondale vote was divided eight ways, among seven rival candidates and the voters who preferred to remain uncommitted:

Gary Hart, 15 per cent; George McGovern, 13 per cent; Alan Cranston, 9 per cent; uncommitted, 7 per cent; John Glenn, 5 per cent; Former gov. Robin Askew of Florida, 3 per cent; the Rev. Jesse Jackson, 3 per cent; Sen. Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, 165 votes, less than 1 per cent. (AP, Reuter)

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The weather at major Swissair destinations

21.2.1984	MIN	MAX	
AMSTERDAM	4	21	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	2	20	Clear
BUENOS AIRES	22	28	Rain
CHICAGO	2	36	Cloudy
CITY OF DUBLIN	2	28	Clear
FRANKFURT	8	18	Clear
HAMBURG	7	19	Clear
HILINKI	12	10	Clear
HONG KONG	14	27	Cloudy
JAKARTA	19	29	Clear
LISSON	5	23	Snow
LONDON	8	16	Clear
MADRID	5	14	Clear
MUNICH	1	24	Cloudy
NEW YORK	5	18	Cloudy
OSLO	11	12	Cloudy
PARIS	2	28	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	30	Clear
SAO PAULO	18	24	Clear
STOCKHOLM	2	28	Cloudy
TOKYO	4	39	Cloudy
TORONTO	2	28	Clear
ZURICH	7	19	Clear

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Jerusalem	41/13	41/13
Golan	41/13	41/13
Nahariya	41/13	41/13
Safed	41/13	41/13
Haifa Port	41/13	41/13
Tiberias	41/13	41/13
Nazareth	41/13	41/13
Afula	41/13	41/13
Shomron	41/13	41/13
Tel Aviv	41/13	41/13
B-G Airport	41/13	41/13
Jericho	41/13	41/13
Gaza	41/13	41/13
Beersheba	41/13	41/13
Eilat	41/13	41/13

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

British Ambassador Sir Patrick Moberly yesterday toured Ashkelon as guest of the municipality.

Former president Yitzhak Navon will be guest speaker at an inter-club meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club at the Dan Carmel Hotel at 8 p.m. today.

Ruth Cheshin, director of the Jerusalem Foundation, will speak on the history and new projects of the foundation at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. in YMCA today.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Frieda C. Kufeld, national president of American Mizrahi Women, on AMW business.

No one hurt in Gaza Strip attacks

GAZA. — There were two terrorist attacks in the Gaza Strip yesterday, but no one was hurt.

In the morning, a makeshift explosive charge was hurled at an IDF patrol in Jabalya. In the afternoon, a handgrenade was thrown in Medina Square in Gaza. Security forces closed the square for about an hour and made several arrests.

Security forces believe terrorists are trying to establish a network in Jabalya and Gaza. Over the last several days they have been making wide-scale arrests in the area. (Iim)

Herzog to visit UK

LONDON. — President Chaim Herzog is to visit Britain next month as guest of the Anglo-Jewish community.

He will address the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association, and a dinner being organized jointly by the Joint Israel Appeal and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Herzog will be accompanied by his wife during his five-day unofficial visit.

Eitan: IDF could benefit prisoners

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

BEERSHEBA. — Former chief of staff Rafael Eitan has proposed that the army adopt a programme for the rehabilitation of prisoners. Addressing prisoners at Beersheba prison yesterday, Eitan said that allowing prisoners to serve part of their sentence in the army would facilitate their return to society.

He likened such a programme to the one used by the army to educate school drop-outs. Eitan also proposed that prisoners unable to serve in the army, be allowed to perform national service.

Dr. Mordechai Wertheimer, the commissioner of the prison service, revealed that six months ago he approached the army authorities with a similar idea. He said that in his opinion 90 per cent of the country's prisoners could participate in such a programme.

The integration of prisoners into society is especially difficult for those with low medical profiles and those who have not served in the army, Wertheimer said. Noting that 70 per cent of prisoners today have a low medical profile, many of them for psychiatric reasons, he said that the army rehabilitation programme would be of particular benefit to them.

Wertheimer reported that the prison service is negotiating with the army to let prisoners do some sort of national service for the last 12 to 18 months of their sentence.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

IN THE KNESSET/Aaron Sittner

'Still lots of work' in Project Renewal

Project Renewal has reached the "decisive" stage, Deputy Construction and Housing Minister Moshe Katzav told the Knesset yesterday. "The problem now facing many rehabilitated neighbourhoods is how to maintain the momentum for improving life in them," he said.

(Project Renewal is a multi-million-dollar urban-housing and social betterment programme undertaken jointly by the government and Diaspora Jewish communities.)

In a review of the scheme in the House, Katzav — who is in charge of Project Renewal — said: "There is still plenty of work to be done despite the fact that 600,000 people in 84 neighbourhoods are already talking about experiencing a turning point in their lives."

According to Katzav, a follow-up study of Project Renewal by two scholars suggests that "not only has a substantial improvement occurred in the lives of residents in the affected neighbourhoods, but they now enjoy more self-respect and are also satisfied with their own involvement in the workings of the scheme."

Not all Knesset members were as satisfied with Project Renewal as Katzav was. Among the comments were the following:

• Jacques Amir (Alignment-Labour): "The project has failed, and we might as well admit it. All we have seen so far is some exterior

plastering and whitewashing work, but no real enlargement of flats for overcrowded and underprivileged families."

• Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberal): "Enlarging flats in multi-storey buildings is unwise because you only create more density since hallways and courtyards cannot be expanded simultaneously with the flats."

• Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino (Alignment-Labour): "The high hopes of the early days have faded with time. The grand failure is due to the inaction of Housing Minister David Levy. All he sees in Project Renewal is an opportunity for political advancement, by making possible an ever-growing number of appointments to the already inflated staff."

• Shmuel Halperit (Agudat Yisrael): "The success or failure of Project Renewal will depend not only on its capacity to physically rehabilitate rundown neighbourhoods and buildings. It will be judged also on its accomplishments in the field of creating new jobs for the unemployed, and providing more Israelis with spiritual facilities such as religious schools and synagogues."

• Meir Shitrit (Likud-Herut): "There is shameful duplication in Project Renewal's activities by the Jewish Agency, which maintains its

own staff of senior administrators, offices, a fleet of automobiles and other elements of a superfluous infrastructure."

Reacting to a statement reported by this week by Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman, that the IDF should remain in Lebanon "for years to come in order to destroy the terrorists," MK Aharon Nahmias (Alignment-Labour) yesterday asked his faction for permission to table a private member's bill requiring the government to withdraw all Israeli military personnel from Lebanon within 90 days of approval of the bill by the Knesset.

"The 90 days," says Nahmias, "will give the government the time it needs to arrange for suitable security arrangements in Galilee."

Israel Television's Mabat news programme came under fire in the Knesset yesterday for airing a bereaved mother's remarks critical of the government.

Two coalition MKs — Likud's Ronnie Milo and Tehiya's Geula Cohen — were commenting angrily on a Mabat interview with a mother of a fallen soldier in which she branded the present government as "spitefully brutal."

Besides asking for a Knesset debate on the TV's allowing such a

remark to be telecast, Milo called on all TV staff members to "boycott and close down Mabat altogether and thus save Israelis their nightly half-hour of anguish and deadly anti-state propaganda."

Cohen branded the airing of the remark as "falsifying reality by failing to broadcast remarks of bereaved mothers who support this government."

"The use of interviews with relatives of fallen soldiers is improper in public debates of national issues," she said.

Shorter-term savings schemes with the same tax benefits as those in savings programmes lasting more than three years will probably be introduced soon following the approval by the Knesset yesterday of an amendment to the Savings Encouragement Law.

The amendment cancels the present requirement for a saver to "lock up" his money for at least three years in order to benefit from an income tax exemption on the interest.

As for linkage of the principal and interest to the Consumer Price Index, that will still require a two-year wait from the date on which the account was opened. This is due to restrictions in the Usury Law and an earlier statute, the Usury Ordinance.

Kimche sees improvement in ties with Japan

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The establishment in Japan this month of an Israel-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League, with some 55 Diet members as founder-signatories, is a significant step in relations between the two countries, according to David Kimche, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, who attended the founding ceremony.

Kimche returned home this week from an extensive trip to Australia and Southeast Asia. He said the league is the first pro-Israel group of this kind in Tokyo. Among the Diet members who sup-

port it are former ministers and prominent parliamentarians.

Kimche said its establishment had been in large measure the achievement of Israel's ambassador to Tokyo, Amnon Ben-Yohanan.

Kimche held talks with the vice-minister of foreign affairs, who visited Israel last year. He also met briefly with Foreign Minister Shin-aro Abe, a conversation which Israeli sources describe as positive.

Japan has always kept up its relations with Israel low-key, and contacts on this level have been rare. Israeli officials are hoping a high-level dialogue will continue.

In Singapore, traditionally a warm friend of Israel, Kimche was received by the Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, the defence minister, foreign minister, education minister and senior foreign ministry officials.

Kimche said yesterday he feels there is insufficient awareness, especially in the business community here, of potential markets for Israeli exports in Southeast Asia.

While in Singapore, Kimche chaired a conference of Israeli ambassadors in Thailand, the Philippines, Nepal, New Zealand and the consul in Bombay. Foreign Ministry sources said

Kimche's swing through South-East Asia had "not cost the taxpayer a penny," since he had worked it into a visit to Australia at the invitation of the Young Presidents Organization. The director-general's trip, with his wife, had been criticized in some quarters as expensive and expendable.

Kimche delivered three lectures to the YPO forum, which comprises presidents of major companies the world over in the 40-50 age bracket. Other lecturers at the meeting in Melbourne included ex-president Jimmy Carter and U.S. ambassador to the UN Jeane Kirkpatrick.

Go to Saudia, Eitan tells Arab students

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Former chief of staff Rafael Eitan yesterday told students at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev that the Arabs among them had no business living and studying in Israel, and advised them to go to Saudi Arabia. "This is our country, not yours," he declared.

Eitan said this at a stormy meeting with hundreds of B-GU students, during a tour of the Negev

to solicit support for his Tzomet movement.

He also said he favours the proposal of Tehiya Knesset Member Geula Cohen to permit only people who have done national service to serve in the Knesset. He was heckled with cries of "murderer" and "fascist."

Eitan said that in Lebanon's Bekaa valley, a Shi'ite terrorist centre is being built with Russian and Syrian support, to replace the routed PLO terrorists.

Israel may open mission in Dublin

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel is considering opening a diplomatic mission in Dublin. The most likely candidate for the post is Bruce Kashtan, the unofficial spokesman of the unofficial Israeli "legation" near Beirut since the beginning of the Lebanon war.

The ambassador to Britain is also accredited to Ireland, and he usually visits Dublin once or twice a year.

But the feeling in Jerusalem is that this is not sufficient, especially since Ireland is now a full-fledged member of the European Economic Community.

The Dublin idea, however, will inevitably encounter tough budgetary exigencies — especially since there are plans afoot to shut down three other legations in Europe for budgetary reasons. These are the consulates-general in Zurich, Milan and Strasbourg.

Retired U.S. diplomat to head MFO

ROME (AP). — Retired U.S. diplomat Victor Dikeos has been named the new head of the Rome-based Multi-National Force and Observers headquarters, it was announced yesterday. However, sources in Jerusalem suggested that Dikeos' appointment may only be

temporary. He succeeds Leamon Hunt, who was assassinated by terrorists outside his Rome residence last week.

Dikeos, 60, was the deputy director of the MFO Sinai peacekeeping organization between January 1982 and September last year.

Injured Egyptian soldier goes home

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An Egyptian soldier who was injured by a mine near Sharm e-Sheikh on Monday and treated at the hospital in Eilat was returned to his country yesterday. Doctors at the Josephat Hospital had stabilized his condition after shrapnel hit his face and body.

The soldier — and a lieutenant who died from his wounds during the helicopter evacuation to Eilat — were dismantling old mines at Ras Nasrani when one of them went off.

Nablus killing defendants plead not guilty

TEL AVIV (Iim). — The two residents of Eilon Moreh on trial in connection with the killing of a Nablus girl pleaded not guilty yesterday to the charges against them.

They are Yosef Harnoi, 38, who is charged with the murder of Aisha Bahsh, 11, on December 8, and Efraim Segal, 27, charged with illegal possession of arms and destroying evidence. The killing took place during disturbances in the town last December.

TEL AVIV District Court Judges Uri Struzman, Zvi Hachohen and Haim Hadar, who are hearing the trial, did not set the date for the next session, when the prosecution is to start presenting its evidence.

Earlier, District Court Judge Aryeh Segalson granted a prosecution request that Segal also be detained until the end of the trial.

Zamir defends press as guardian of democracy

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir

has rejected attacks on the press, saying that freedom of the press is "the guardian of democracy" in Israel.

Hebrew University, he also praised the news media for their critical approach to public issues, and warned that hampering the press because of the unpleasantness of what it reports could boomerang.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of

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The funeral will take place tomorrow, Thursday, February 23, 1984 at 11 a.m. at the Sanhedria cemetery in Jerusalem.

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President Chaim Herzog (second from left) was among the hundreds attending the funeral of David Hachohen in Binyamina yesterday. (Andre Brummann)

David Hachohen laid to rest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BINYAMINA. — David Hachohen, one of the last of the pioneering giants of Israel's labour movement, former diplomat and parliamentarian, was buried here yesterday in the family burial ground. Hundreds of people from all walks of life paid their last tribute to the man who had made his mark in the restoration of Jewish national sovereignty and the building of this country for more than six decades. He died on Sunday at his home on Mount Carmel in Haifa at age 86.

President Chaim Herzog, Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor, Minister for Economic Coordination Ya'acov Meridor, former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, former deputy prime minister Yigael Yadin (both of whom are relatives of the deceased), Labour Party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev and veteran labour leaders Ya'acov Hazan and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon were among the mourners who crowded into the small, tree-lined cemetery.

Eulogizing Hachohen, Herzog

spoke of his devoted service to the nation during the British Mandate, against the enemy during World War II, as leader of the Hagana, and as Israel's ambassador to Burma from where he had sought an opening to China.

Savidor recalled Hachohen's unique contribution to Israel's parliamentary life, having served for many years as chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

"The son of the deceased, Yankel Hachohen, recited the Jewish prayer, flanked by his widow, Zippora, and Hachohen's two daughters, Esther Narkiss, the wife of Uri Narkiss, head of the Jewish Agency Organization Department, and Ada Yadin, the wife of former education minister Aharon Yadin.

Shmuel Margolin, 97-year-old Solel Boneh veteran who was a co-founder of the Histadrut's construction company with Hachohen, insisted on helping to cover the grave, working with a spade.

Saudi mediator optimistic after talks in Damascus

DAMASCUS. — Saudi mediator

Prince Bandar said after three hours of talks yesterday with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam he was optimistic about reaching an agreement on Lebanon.

Bandar, who is Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Washington, told reporters, "The meeting was good," adding, "we are optimistic."

"We are now trying our best to stop Lebanese bloodshed and have found a great deal of cooperation from the Syrian brothers," he said.

Asked about a reported new plan for Lebanon, he said: "There is no new plan now. We are discussing a previously presented one." He did not elaborate.

Beirut radio stations earlier said that Saudi mediators were sounding out Lebanon's warring factions on a new peace plan in talks held in Beirut and Damascus. This calla for:

• A cease-fire in place throughout Lebanon and a simultaneous announcement by President Amin Jemayel's administration that its withdrawal agreement with Israel signed last May 17 is being scrapped.

• Distinguishing Syria's military presence from Israel's occupation in Lebanon in dealing with the Lebanese crisis.

Referring the Syrian military presence in Lebanon to the Arab League to determine its future.

• Resumption of reconciliation talks among Lebanon's warring leaders and formation of a national coalition cabinet to bring about a Moslem-Christian balance in the government and the army.

Radio reports said this plan was the focal point of talks that Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah had with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus said "Saudi mediator Rafik Hariri held with Jemayel in Beirut Monday night.

Yesterday, Assad also received a delegation of U.S. senators headed by Senate Armed Services Committee chairman John Tower, the official Syrian news agency Sana said. The delegation, which is on an information-gathering tour, arrived from Amman.

In Beirut, meanwhile, a statement from the presidential palace said Jemayel's top adviser, Ghassan Tuani, told French, U.S., British and Italian diplomats that the government was against deploying UN troops in Beirut to replace the Multi-National Force.

This proposal, made by France, has been widely supported at the UN. (Reuters, AP)

Many enlist in South Lebanon militia

METULLA (Iim). — Hundreds of

Lebanese are applying to join the South Lebanon militia that was headed by the late Major Saad Haddad. They include many refugees from war-torn Beirut.

The applicants are given a thorough screening by the militia's officers, and many have been rejected because they have relatives

in a terrorist organization, Israel Defence Forces officers also take an interest in the applicants' possible connections with hostile elements.

Those accepted are paid 1,750 Lebanese lirot (1937,380 at yesterday's rate) a month, and undergo a year-long training programme.

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who dedicated her life to Torah and Mitzvot. Her family will find consolation in the continuation of her great work.

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Tunik blasts idleness of gov't oil drillers

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The state oil-well drilling company Lapidot has not found much oil in recent years, but its inefficiency and poor management have made it into a sinecure for its 660 employees.

One of the main findings in the State Comptroller's Report on Lapidot, which acts as a drilling contractor for the government and foreign oil companies, is that its six rigs and drilling teams are severely under-utilized. In 1982, the men and equipment were used at only 57 per cent of their capacity, down from 66 per cent in 1980 and a high of 78 per cent in 1981.

The comptroller Yitzhak Tunik, recommended that the cabinet discuss this idleness, which has persisted for years.

The heads of the Israel National Oil Company, Hanal, the holding

company for the government investment, exploration and drilling companies, have argued that Lapidot has to have some excess capacity available for foreign investors who can't carry out their own drilling operations in Israel. Nevertheless, Lapidot's high costs have deterred some potential investors from drilling here.

The comptroller noted that Lapidot's excess capacity has contributed to its mounting losses over the last several years. Its losses have been compounded by declining income from the Heletz oil fields, which are gradually drying up.

The comptroller also faulted the company for paying its employees production premiums without ever having set production norms; for paying unwarranted grants and bonuses; for paying inflated expense allowances for workers living away from home; and for irregularities in the use of company cars.

Ethiopian immigrants seek more education assistance

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In a meeting yesterday with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, leaders of Ethiopian immigrants asked for unlimited educational assistance. They said that Ethiopian immigrants face serious culture shock in Israel, and that ignoring the problem will endanger their absorption.

The leaders told Hammer the Ethiopians are very traditional Jews who have come to Israel "to spend next year in Jerusalem" and not as a political gesture.

They asked the minister to allow Ethiopian immigrants to spend more than the standard eight months in ulpan in order to make up

for their previous lack of education, and to make other educational services available to the immigrants without limitations.

Hammer said education budget cuts would not affect services to Ethiopian immigrants. He promised to ask Jewish Agency chairman, Arieh Dulzin and Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan to make a joint effort with his ministry to assist in educational, cultural and social absorption of Ethiopian Jews.

The Ethiopian Jewish leaders also charged that they face discrimination here and that Israelis, particularly teenagers, insult them. They urged Hammer to introduce material on Ethiopian Jews into the school curriculum.



Leaders of Ethiopian immigrants meet Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday about their absorption problems. (Israel Sun)

Elbit sells electronic gear for use by a European navy

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Elbit has won a \$6 million order to supply naval communication, command and control systems to an undisclosed European country, the firm's vice-president of marketing, Ronnie Amit, announced yesterday.

The contract, signed last week, will take two years to complete. It is the first time that the company has sold the systems abroad, although similar devices have been supplied to the Israeli Navy, he said.

He disclosed that Elbit's projected turnover for the entire 1983

fiscal year would reach \$110m., almost \$25m. more than the previous year. Of this about \$42m. would come from exports. The company's profits for the first three quarters of 1983 reached \$8.3m.

The firm manufactures electronic weapons guidance, communication, and navigation systems, as well as commercial instruments compatible with IBM computers. Some of the products are classified for security reasons.

Amit spoke during a press tour of the Elbit factory in Carmiel where the majority of the firm's production is concentrated.

Weitz: Invest only \$3m. in settlements

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a memo to the World Zionist Organization executive, Jewish Agency Settlement Department chairman Ra'anan Weitz has recommended that only \$3 million be invested in the coming year in six new settlements, three on each side of the Green Line. In the outgoing budget year \$22 million was spent on 22 new settlements in the administered territories and 10 in Israel proper.

Weitz said there were some 90 existing settlements with temporary housing and no means of production, and that 84 per cent of West Bank Jewish residents outside the lower Jordan valley were engaged in services rather than industry or agriculture. Building more such settlements would directly counter government policy of directing investments into productive enterprises, he said.

The proposed settlement budget

for the territories has been cut 17 per cent because of the economic situation, according to Weitz. He said Likud settlement officials are planning 15 new settlements in the territories and 11 within the Green Line.

Ramat Gan art students to study in the square

RAMAT GAN. — Students and teachers of the Ramat Gan College of Art and Sculpture will hold classes today in Ordean Square here, to protest against the municipality's decision to close the school, Rita Dar of the students' committee said yesterday.

The municipality's decision came in the wake of the school's financial difficulties and what the municipality considers poor management. Teachers have not received salaries in several months, it was reported.

TOMORROW — Haga (Civil Defence) Exercise — Kiryat Shmona

Tomorrow, Thursday, February 23, there will be a Haga exercise in Kiryat Shmona between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. During the exercise, firing and explosions will be heard, and the sirens will sound the all clear. In the event of a real attack, a rising and falling note will be sounded.



A Green Patrol worker herds sheep onto grazing land in a Jewish National Fund forest near Beit Shemesh as part of an effort to rescue some 80,000 Beduin sheep from the drought-stricken Negev. The sheep are being transferred to JNF forests as far north as Ben Shimon, near Lod, where they will be permitted to graze for the coming three months. (Zoom)

Berman: Egypt opposed to war, but peace 'slow'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egypt does not desire war with Israel now or in the future, but it will be slow to create a warm and normal peace with this country, according to Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

He returned yesterday from a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo. He was accompanied by conference executive vice-chairman Yehuda Hellman.

The meeting, initiated by Mubarak earlier this month to coincide with Berman's presence here to preside over an Israel meeting of the Presidents' Conference, lasted 70 minutes.

Berman reported that he and

Hellman told Mubarak that he appeared to keep Israel at arm's length while continuing to seek rapprochement with the Arab world. Mubarak said it was possible to have both a warm peace with Israel and to return to the Arab world.

Mubarak did say that he had drafted a letter to Premier Yitzhak Shamir. Berman would not reveal the contents of the letter, except to say that it dealt with the peace process. Berman maintained that Mubarak's invitation and the Presidents' Conference acceptance of it was not a sign that Israel and Egypt could no longer communicate with each other, but that Mubarak was interested in American Jewish support for Egyptian moves and its economy.

Mubarak said he was committed to the Camp David process, and

believed that Egypt's involvement in it had done more for the Palestinians and for voicing the Arab position on Jerusalem than countless other statements and actions.

Berman and Hellman had told Mubarak that his embrace of Yasser Arafat was a "disaster." Mubarak disagreed, insisting that the PLO chief is a "moderate" and that he is "working on Arafat" in order to bring Hussein of Jordan to the peace table.

Mubarak said that a month ago he had ordered a halt to the anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli articles that had been appearing in the Egyptian press in the past year. He told his guests that if they see any more examples, they should report them to the Egyptian ambassador to the U.S.

Kahane sends threatening letters to Egyptians

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Several Egyptian intellectuals who oppose peace with Israel have recently received letters from the Israeli Kach movement threatening them with death unless they desist from their "aggressive attitude."

Professor Sasson Somekh, chairman of the Tel Aviv University graduate school of language and literature, who was recently in Cairo, told *The Jerusalem Post* the

letters were received some 10 days ago.

Kach leader Rabbi Meir Kahane yesterday accepted responsibility for the letters. He said his aim was to incite the recipients to greater attacks on Israel, to destroy "the illusions created by this cheat Begin" who concluded a false peace with Egypt.

Somekh said the letters were received by Egyptian university lecturers and writers identified with the left. Some of them, he said, are

not so prominent, and the senders "had to have pretty good information" about the Egyptian scene to know them.

The letters, mailed in Egypt, had caused serious damage to quiet efforts by the Israeli university people to forge closer links with their Egyptian counterparts. Somekh said.

Kahane at first hesitated to accept responsibility. But later he insisted he had written the letters and rejected Somekh's contention that they were written in poor English.

Police help ex-Black Hebrew get her children

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A woman who fled the Black Hebrew sect of Dimona two weeks ago finally managed to get her three children away from the group on Monday night, with the help of local police.

Celeste Boyce, 25, reportedly had tried several times on her own to get the children, aged 2, 4 and 6. Sources in Dimona report that others who have left the sect have been unable to get their children away from the group.

Melvyn Coleman, 32, who was a leading member of the group for 12 years before leaving eight months ago, said yesterday that he has set up an association to help those who want to leave the group. Coleman said that while members are seemingly free to come and go as they please, Black Hebrews' leader Ben-Ami Carter "has a psychological hold on them and they are afraid to leave."

Coleman said he gave up his American citizenship when he arrived in Israel, and 87 other members reportedly have done the same.

There are some 900 Black Hebrews in Dimona, according to those who have left the group, but Mayor Eli Hilleli believes there may be as many as 2,000 because "there is no supervision of their births, deaths, and marriages."

Hilleli added that "anyone who says that they are homeless is welcome to adopt them for the next 15 years."

Nurse's alleged killer didn't answer phone, witness says

TEL AVIV (Ilim). — A state's witness in the trial of lawyer Shimon Hermon charged with the murder of nurse Carmela Blass last July 18 testified yesterday that on the night of the murder, she telephoned Hermon's home when she had reason to believe that he was there, and the phone was not answered after she had let it ring for about half an hour.

Hermon's trial is scheduled to begin on March 12, with 50 witnesses scheduled to testify. But the Tel Aviv District Court agreed to hear the witness early because she is to leave the country soon.

Judges Shmuel Kwart, Yaacov Kedmi and Edna Shatzky refused a prosecution request to hear the witness behind closed doors, but banned publication of her name or any other identifying details.

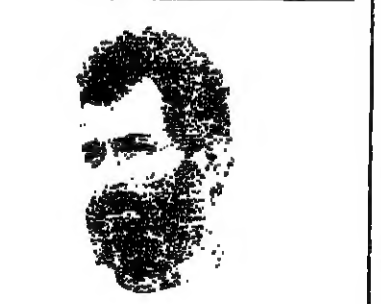
The witness said that at 11:35 p.m. on July 18, Hermon came to her flat for advice about how to

spend his forthcoming holiday in Germany. He had called her earlier to say that he would come after visiting a friend in a hospital, and then called again to say he would be late.

They went to a steakhouse in Jaffa, where she paid the bill, and then they went to Hermon's flat. At about 1:30 a.m. he took her home, and then she telephoned him to ask him to bring her a certain book from Germany, she told the court.

On July 22, Hermon's brother Meir, also an attorney, who faces trial for concealing and destroying evidence against his brother, came to the witness to ask whether she had really told the police she had let her brother's phone ring for about half an hour. "I didn't like his questions," she said.

The witness will be cross-examined at an unspecified date. Meanwhile, the court ordered her not to leave the country.



Environmental artist Ezra Orion of Kibbutz Sde Boker announced yesterday that 13 artists from Beersheba's Visual Arts Centre, as well as 60 art students from throughout the country, will participate in a "Project in the Sand," creating temporary artworks in the Mount Sdom Nature Reserve, from March 18

Shaare Zedek says its deal with Kupat Holim to proceed

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite the stiff opposition of the Health Ministry, it appears that the agreement making Kupat Holim Clalit a 50-50 partner in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital is moving towards implementation on March 1, as scheduled.

"We have seen nothing in Health Minister (Eliezer) Shostak's letter that would induce us to change our minds right now," sources close to the hospital's board of governors told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

After a stormy meeting last week, Shostak sent board of governors chairman Moshe Mann a letter outlining the amount of government support the hospital could expect in the next fiscal year. In return, Mann agreed to convene a special session of the hospital's 30-member international board of governors for a full-scale debate and a revote on the deal.

But no date has been set for such a meeting, Mann said yesterday. Today's meeting of the local board is a "regularly scheduled session that was planned six months ago," he said. While the local board is expected to discuss the partnership arrangement, no vote on the matter is likely, he said.

In Tel Aviv yesterday, Kupat Holim's national council, including its Likud faction, unanimously approved the partnership agreement. Kupat Holim chairman Haim

Doron said that the move will save the Histadrut health fund some \$5 million a year in hospitalization fees for its members in the Jerusalem area.

Doron noted that the number of hospital days per person per year is nearly twice as much in Jerusalem as in Kupat Holim's other five districts. He also said that the average stay in hospital is 40 per cent longer in the four Jerusalem general hospitals than in Kupat Holim general hospitals.

While the agreement promises huge savings for Kupat Holim and a vital influx of cash for Shaare Zedek, it could ultimately cost the government — and the taxpayers — a great deal of money, ministry sources pointed out yesterday.

Increased referrals of Kupat Holim Clalit members to Shaare Zedek — a step which the health fund denies even contemplating — could create a "shortage" of patients at the two Hadassahs and Bikur Holim, necessitating an even greater amount of government support for these institutions.

Meanwhile, negotiations have been proceeding quietly between Bikur Holim and Shaare Zedek, with the former proposing a merger of the two institutions late last week instead of the Kupat Holim deal. But Kupat Holim has reportedly stepped into the fray, proposing that Bikur Holim join the new partnership arrangement, *The Post* has learned.

Shemtov in running again to direct Mapam's affairs

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam, the Labour Party's left-wing partner in the Alignment, was in turmoil after yesterday's announcement by Knesset member Victor Shemtov that he is reversing an earlier decision and will seek re-election as the party's secretary-general.

Shemtov announced last year that he would not run again after the party central convention voted to continue the partnership with

Labour. Shemtov had recommended the termination of the Alignment.

Mapam's Central Committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday to elect the new secretary, and the appointments committee is to officially nominate candidates today.

The job had been sought by and seemed sure to go to former Knesset MK Chaika Grossman. Now it is not certain whether she will challenge Shemtov, as his chances are considered better than hers.

Court rejects Habad petition on selective yeshivot grants

Jerusalem Post Staff

The High Court of Justice yesterday turned down a petition by the Habad movement for a temporary injunction barring the government from listing in the new fiscal 1984 budget names of the yeshivot that receive special government allocations.

The court, which said it would publish the reasons for its judgment later, also rejected Habad's petition for an injunction barring the allocations.

Habad had earlier petitioned the High Court against the system of allocations, contending that it discriminates in favour of yeshivot supported by Agudat Yisrael Knesset members. To circumvent the court action, the Finance Ministry

has listed the allocations in the printed budget, which is being presented to the Knesset today.

In a reaction to the court's decision, the Habad spokesmen said his movement will now embark upon a public struggle against the special allocations. "It is now clear to everyone that the Agudat Yisrael Knesset members do not represent *haredi* Judaism, but only themselves," the spokesmen said.

He also said that "it is interesting to note that the separate listing of Aguda institutions in the budget is the first legislation which the Aguda has submitted in this Knesset. When the High Court ruled that it was illegal to stop public transport in Nahariya on Shabbat, we saw no such rush to enact a law to change that situation."

Tax people 'ignore working mothers'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The high rate of income tax is driving many working mothers into poverty, and tax authorities are indifferent to the most elementary needs of working mothers, Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelsky wrote yesterday to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orlag.

Lubelsky wrote that in 1975, when the Ben-Shahar committee published its tax-reform recommendations, the minimum income on which tax was paid was 56 per cent of the average wage. Now, she said, it is 36 per cent, and many working women are in this low income bracket.

The tax credits that working mothers receive for each of their children were 5 per cent of the

average wage in 1975; now they are 2.6 per cent.

She demanded that the tax credits be restored to 5 per cent and linked to the cost-of-living index.

She also wants working mothers to receive two credits for each child instead of one.

Meanwhile, a study has found that Israelis pay the highest taxes in the world, the daily *Ha'aretz* reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the Centre for the Research of Social Policy in Israel found that Israelis pay taxes to the tune of 53 per cent of the gross national product, which is now about \$21 billion. It compared this with the 50 per cent taxes paid in Sweden, considered to have one of the highest-taxed populations in the world.

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S. Africa, Mozambique to sign pact

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — South Africa and its Marxist neighbour Mozambique plan to sign a security agreement that officials say could ease tensions in the region.

The announcement followed a meeting on Monday between a high-ranking South African delegation, led by Foreign Minister P.F. Botha, and Mozambican counterparts including President Samora Machel in Maputo, Mozambique's capital.

The two countries have accused each other of supporting anti-government guerrilla activity on either side of the border.

South Africa claims Mozambique aids the African National Congress, guerrillas fighting to end white minority rule in South Africa, while Mozambique charges that its neighbour backs the anti-Marxist Mozambican National Resistance Movement.

"We agreed on the principles of certain security arrangements and

intend entering into a formal agreement in this regard," said a joint statement issued after the day-long meeting.

Botha told reporters on the plane back to Johannesburg: "This augurs well for the future of all in the region and offers a real possibility for better cooperation."

It was the final agreement with an ideological rival in the region within five days.

Last Thursday, Botha led another delegation to the Zambian capital, Lusaka, where he agreed with Angolan representatives and American mediators to create a commission with the Angolans that will oversee South Africa's disengagement of forces from southern Angola.

The Afrikaans-language *Beeld* newspaper, which often reflects the thinking of South Africa's National Party leaders, reported Monday the Maputo talks could lead to a summit between Prime Minister P.W.

Botha and Machel. Foreign Minister Botha — no relation to the prime minister — did not mention any summit, but said the security agreement with Mozambique could be signed within weeks or even days.

In Lisbon, guerrillas fighting Machel's government said no security agreement between the former Portuguese colony and South Africa would stop their seven-year bush war.

A European spokesman for the Mozambican National Resistance, contacted at his home outside Lisbon, said the MNR "has enough weapons, ammunition and trained forces to go on fighting as long as we want."

The rebels' war of sabotage, kidnappings and killings of foreign workers and direct combat with government forces, he said, "has its own dynamic, which is unstoppable."

Soviet author Sholokhov, Nobel laureate, dies at 79

MOSCOW (AP). — Nobel laureate and party stalwart Mikhail Sholokhov, the author of *Quiet Flows the Don* whose early works chronicled the civil war slaughters after the Bolshevik revolution and the brutality of Stalin, has died, it was announced yesterday. He was 79.

Radio Moscow's English-language service was first to announce the death, saying "the great Soviet writer, winner of the Lenin and Nobel Prizes, Mikhail Sholokhov, has died." Soviet sources said he died Monday night at Rostov-on-Don.

Sholokhov, the only officially sanctioned Soviet writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature, was best known for his epic *Quiet Flows the Don*, a four-volume work he began publishing at age 23 in 1928 and finished in 1940.

The novel, whose Russian title was *Quiet Don*, was translated into at least 73 languages.

Meanwhile, he began his second major work, *Virgin Soil Upturned*, an expose of Josef Stalin's brutal collectivization of Soviet farmlands that took eight million Russian peasant lives in 1929-31.

Virgin Soil Upturned came under fire from some Soviet critics concerned that the novel portrayed

some characters as being too humanly flawed.

He won the Nobel Prize in 1956, nine years after Nikita Khrushchev exposed the excesses of Stalin, and lent his name to the officially sanctioned Soviet peace organization.

"I am first and foremost a Communist," he told the Rostov party in a 1962 speech. "Only thereafter am I a writer."

Expatriate novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn created a furor some years ago when he charged that Sholokhov had plagiarized *Quiet Flows the Don* from a manuscript of a Soviet army officer.



Mikhail Sholokhov in 1975. (UPI)

White policeman jailed for killing black prisoner

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — A white policeman has been convicted for the first time of killing a black detainee during interrogation. The policeman was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in prison.

Detective Sgt. Jan Harm van As forced the prisoner to kneel on the floor, pressed his handgun against the man's forehead and fired, the prosecution charged.

The policeman claimed Paris Malatji committed suicide after snatching the gun from his holster. Malatji was being questioned in connection with printing leaflets for the African National Congress, which opposes Pretoria's apartheid regime.

Malatji died on July 5 in an interrogation room in the black township of Soweto. He was the 55th detainee to die in custody since the early 1960s, when police received power to detain prisoners without charges. Justice F.R. Kirk-Cohen found the policeman guilty of culpable homicide, saying the state failed to prove the officer intended to kill. He said the pistol may have gone off while being used to intimidate the prisoner.

Blonde model helps Prince Andrew forget

LONDON (Reuters). — Queen Elizabeth's son Andrew, whose romance with American actress Koo Stark hit the headlines until it foundered last year, has a new girlfriend, *The Daily Express* reported yesterday.

The newspaper named blonde model Katie Rabetti, 23, the daughter of a gynecologist, as the woman helping the 24-year-old prince get over his attachment to the former soft-porn actress.



A squad of riot policemen watch over trucks as striking drivers moved into a Paris suburb to demand better working conditions. (UPI telephoto)

Large traffic jams as truckers lay siege to Paris

PARIS (Reuters). — French truck drivers laid a partial siege to Paris yesterday as their leaders opened negotiations with the government on how to end paralyzing blockades of major traffic arteries.

Big jams built up on several main roads out of the capital, hampering access to airports, as truckers blocked part of the Paris ring road. But policemen headed off an attempt to blockade the main fruit and vegetable market at Rungis, south of Paris.

The police said the trouble on the roads was spreading and there were 88 bottlenecks in 28 of France's 95 departments.

Traffic remained blocked in much of the Alpine region, with thousands of trucks reported

waiting on both sides of the French-Italian frontier at the Mont Blanc tunnel.

Italian customs officers are continuing a renewed work-to-rule strike that sparked the French truckers' protest last week.

Talks between Communist Transport Minister Charles Etienne and representatives of the two main road-haulage associations and of independent truck operators were suspended after four and a half hours to allow consultations with truckers.

The truckers, many of whom say they are facing bankruptcy, are demanding an easing of time-wasting border formalities, an easing of controls on working hours and a cut in fuel tax.

Afghan rebels attack regime under cover of bad weather

NEW DELHI (AP). — Moslem rebels in Afghanistan took advantage of bad weather to attack government positions last week, prompting authorities to retaliate with heavy bombing, a western diplomat here said yesterday.

The fighting was reported in Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, and the Ghazni province in the south, said the diplomat, citing reports from the landlocked West Asian nation.

On the nights of February 14 and 15, while snow fell on Kabul, insurgents carried out simultaneous attacks in three districts with mortars, rockets and artillery, forcing the Soviets to call out troops to retaliate.

The report, which could not be verified immediately, said police and military installations in the capital were the main targets for the attack.

In Ghazni, about 100 rebels attacked an arms depot at an Afghan regime headquarters on February

11 under the protection of heavy snow. Government forces, unable to respond with air raids because of the bad weather, fired artillery at suspected insurgent positions.

The regime retaliation damaged at least 21 houses and caused a number of civilian casualties, a report said, adding that the rebels took large amounts of ammunition and weapons before they blew up the arms depot.

Soviet troops in Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, reportedly encircled the city with tanks in the second week of February to search for suspected insurgents. The rebels, however, were tipped off in advance and escaped before the troops moved in.

Meanwhile, Soviet forces in Afghanistan last week escalated bombing attacks in the strategic Shomali Valley north of Kabul, pounding several side valleys as far as the southern slopes of the Hindu Kush Range, western diplomats in Islamabad said yesterday.

Kurds on strike in Turkish prison

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (AP). — More than 100 Kurdish terrorist suspects have gone on a hunger strike to protest against alleged systematic beatings and torture in a military-run prison here, local sources said yesterday.

The prison revolt and the reported deaths of seven inmates sparked fresh tension between military authorities and Kurdish militants in this city 1,300 kilometres east of Istanbul.

Military and civilian authorities have refused to comment.

The sources in the predominantly Kurdish city said the hunger strike began January 13 when about 80 inmates in the 32nd and 36th cell-

blocks revolted against a gradual lifting of concessions by prison officials.

Last September, representatives of the Kurdish prisoners and the military commanders struck an accord that ended a 39-day-long hunger strike in prisons throughout the country against unprovoked flogging, restrictions on family and lawyer visits and military discipline in the prisons.

Contrary to widespread belief that conditions would ease gradually with the installation of a civilian government, prison authorities stepped up torture and scrapped weekly visits by family members, the sources said.

Argentine admiral comes home for trial

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — An Argentine admiral who returned from self-imposed exile in South Africa to face serious charges of human-rights violations was under arrest yesterday pending his appearance before civilian and military courts.

Admiral Ruben Chamorro was arrested at Buenos Aires international airport on Sunday night as he stepped off a plane from Johannesburg.

A police statement said he was being detained on the orders of Federal Judge Jose Dibur, who is investigating the Argentine anti-Communist Alliance rightist death squads, which killed hundreds of people in the 1970s.

Chamorro is also wanted for questioning by Argentina's highest military court in connection with charges that he ran a clandestine interrogation and torture centre at the navy mechanics school in Buenos Aires between 1976 and 1978.

Peruvians held for murder of newsmen

LIMA (Reuters). — A Peruvian judge has arraigned 14 Indian peasants on charges of killing eight local journalists a year ago.

The circumstances of the killings remained shrouded in mystery. The Indians, many of whom do not speak Spanish, may have attacked the newsmen after mistaking them for anti-government Maoist guerrillas who had terrorized a village.

The journalists were killed while investigating reports of human

rights abuses by security forces, court officials said.

Judge Juan Rojas last Friday ordered the peasants from the remote mountain village of Uchuraccay to report for detention to Ayacucho, 575 kilometres southeast of Lima, according to court documents. Three peasants had been detained earlier.

Photographs of the massacre were published in a Peruvian magazine Monday.

400 reported jailed for Moroccan riots

RABAT (AP). — Nearly 400 Moroccans have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from six months to five years for inciting last month's riots in which more than 100 people were killed, the daily *Socialist Union* reported yesterday.

The sentences, imposed at mass trials in Agadir, Nador, Oujda and other Moroccan cities during the past 10 days, were not officially an-

nounced. Many of the alleged rioters were students or members of the Socialist wing of the ruling coalition government.

The riots were sparked by rumours of planned increases in food prices and tuition fees. They ceased after King Hassan II assured the population in a nationwide television broadcast that no increases were contemplated.

£1b. in Chinese arms said en route to Iran

LONDON (AP). — China has dropped its support of Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war and signed a secret £1 billion arms deal with Iran, the *Daily Mail* reported Tuesday.

The conservative daily said the deal could enable Iran to deliver "a final knockout blow in the war" and had been personally authorized by Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping.

First deliveries in the two-year deal start next month with a massive supply of 107-mm shells for Iran's deadly rocket-launchers. They will be followed by tanks and combat planes," the paper said.

Western intelligence sources were quoted as saying that Syria acted as go-between for the deal, channelling funds to the Chinese and then funneling military hardware to the Iranians.

Negotiations began late last year and reached a climax at a meeting in Damascus on January 19 between Syrian Premier Abdul Ezaouf al-Kassam and Chinese Ambassador Lin Zhionan, the paper said. Financial arrangements were completed a week later when Syria's deputy premier for economic affairs, Abdul Qadir Qaddoura, met with Iranian leaders in Teheran, the paper said.

"The Chinese were anxious to have the Syrians undertake these clandestine operations since Peking wanted to avoid public embarrass-

ment in switching partners. The first commitment of the Chinese in the area had been to the Iraqis," the paper said.

The Chinese interest in the deal is aimed at blocking the Soviets from gaining the upper hand in the area, the *Daily Mail* said.

"Their interest stemmed from the conviction that as long as there was a strong tide of Islamic fundamentalism in Iran — and an arms deal would help keep it so — the Russians would be frozen out," the paper said.

Meanwhile, Royal Navy warships are practising armed escort duties for supertankers in the Gulf, in case Iran carries out its threat to close the Strait of Hormuz to cut off western oil supplies, the BBC reported Monday night.

A television newscast said there are plans for the British aircraft carrier *Invincible*, at present in the Far East, "to move quickly to the area. It would join a U.S. naval task force already on its way."

Other countries, "including the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, have made their own contingency planning," the BBC said.

A British Defence Ministry spokesman described the BBC report as "highly speculative," and denied that any British warship is in the Persian Gulf.

Special alert in New Delhi against religious violence

NEW DELHI (AP). — Police were placed on special security alert here yesterday and armed guards were stationed at religious shrines to prevent Hindu-Sikh violence in northern India from spilling over into the country's secular capital city.

Police and paramilitary troops patrolled northern Haryana state adjacent to New Delhi, protected religious places, and were ordered to shoot rioters, shrine desecrators and troublemakers on sight.

In Punjab, terrorists set fire to three religious shrines, threw bombs at another and tossed grenades at a police patrol, the authorities reported.

Public meetings and processions were banned in Haryana, where

Sikhs fired on a mob of Hindus attacking their temple in Jind city on Monday. One person injured in those clashes died yesterday.

Two hand grenades were thrown at a group of paramilitary police in Punjab yesterday morning near the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, the authorities said. No one was reported injured.

Unidentified arsonists set fire to three religious places in Punjab's Bhatinda district late Monday, causing slight damage.

Also late Monday, two homemade bombs were lobbed into a religious shrine in the state's Hoshiarpur district. Only one of the devices exploded, and no casualties or major damage was reported.

Turkish president begins visit to Riyadh

RIYADH (AP). — Turkish President Kenan Evren arrived yesterday on a five-day official visit to Saudi Arabia for talks that are expected to focus on the Iraq-Iran war and development of bilateral ties.

Evren, who is the first Turkish head of state to visit the kingdom since 1968, was accorded a red

carpet welcome by King Fahd, complete with an honour guard and a 21-gun salute.

Sources said Fahd and Evren were to discuss ways of arresting the Gulf war, now in its 41st month. The sources noted that Turkey has good relations with both Baghdad and Teheran.

Sports

Squash tourney goes according to form

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Things went strictly according to form yesterday at the Israel Squash Promotions' \$5,000 professional championships here, as only overseas participants are now left in the men's and women's open events. After a break today, the tournament resumes at 2 p.m. tomorrow and continues through Saturday at the Herzliya Squash Centre. Admission is free.

In men's competition, Israel's direct interest ended with the third-round defeat of Shlomo Albo, Yitzhak Samo, Avi Zerach and David Grossman. Albo went out 9-3, 9-0, 9-3 to No. 1 seed Ricki Hill of Australia; Samo succumbed 9-1, 9-3, 9-6 to Zimbabwe's Rob Shay, seeded 5th; Zerach was beaten 9-5, 9-3, 9-1 by No. 3 seed Peter Verron from England, the defending champion; and Grossman's hopes were ended by Birmingham-based Iranian Hossein Mahjoo, who came through 9-3, 9-0, 9-4. But though well beaten by their vastly more experienced opponents, the locals were by no means disgraced and all

gave spirited performances and never gave up.

It was the same story in the women's open, with top seeds Angela Brown and Jayne Ashlin — last year's winner and runner-up — who are both English internationals, and Scottish internationals Shirley Brown and Joyce Leach, going to 3-0 victories over the promising local girls, Thelma Kerzner, Vivian Brodie, Claire Levine and Leora Josman respectively.

Elsewhere in men's third-round contests, South African Paul Symonds — seeded 6th — beat Dave Dunsinuir of the Royal Air Force; Symonds' compatriot Richard O'Connor, the No. 4 seed, defeated Reuters Tel Aviv bureau head Peter Sharrock; and second-seeded Glen Brumby from Australia put off England's Philip Bjornsson, with all four winners advancing into the quarter-finals in straight games. The exception to the rule was No. 8 seed Peter Brown, of Britain, who needed 75 minutes to get the better of his RAF opponent Steve Gascoyne — seeded one place lower — by 6-9, 1-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-2.

Martina returns in style

EAST HANOVER, New Jersey (Reuters). — Martina Navratilova, returning to action after a 35-day layoff, rolled to a 6-3, 6-2 victory over American Nancy Reagan in 55 minutes in the \$150,000 U.S. Women's Indoor Tennis Championships here.

Aussies in form

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (AP). — The Australian cricketers were in a commanding position with one day remaining in the opening match of their West Indian tour against the Leeward Islands here yesterday.

Big fast bowler Carl Rackemann took six wickets for 105 runs to give them a commanding first innings lead of 124 and then left-handed opener Kepler Wessels followed his first innings 126 with another impressive score of 86 to lead the Australians to a second innings total of 250 for seven wickets at the end of the third day of the four day match.

With the deficit now 374, the Leewarders have no realistic chance of winning and will be hard pressed to avoid defeat.

The world's number-one ranked woman player will meet Virginia Wade of Britain in a second-round match.

"I was hitting my serves the way I wanted," said Navratilova. "My service returns were on target, too. There was the first-round nervousness, but that is behind me."

In other matches, Sylvia Hanika beat Bob Herr 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Carling Beavers of Canada defeated Garry Parry, 6-1, 6-0; Pam Crane overcame Eva Pfaff 6-2, 6-3; Joanne Russell beat Claudia Monteiro 6-3, 6-3; and Andrea Leach was victorious by Barbara Potter 6-3, 6-3.

FA Cup draw

LONDON (AP). — At least one team from outside the First Division will be represented in the semi-finals of the English FA Cup. Soccer Cup competition following yesterday's 6th round draw.

Third Division Plymouth Argyle face Derby County of Division Two in one of the quarter-final pairings. Favourites Southampton were drawn away for the fourth successive time — at Second Division pace-setters Sheffield Wednesday.

In the other all-top-division ties Birmingham entered Villa and Notts County are away to Everton. The Manchester United vs. Wimbledon final take a 2-0 lead into the second leg of their MFL Cup semi-final against Villa at Villa Park tonight.



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At left, Rabbi Hayim Sidi, reading a Ladino/Hebrew prayer book at his synagogue. Centre, an haftara portion he has copied on parchment. Right, the rabbi and his wife Joya (Photos by Lenore Skenazy)

"THERE WAS a bath, you know, a Turkish bath, in one corner."

"Yes, and the oven where we'd cook our fish — that was opposite."

"That was about all that my octogenarian aunts in Chicago could remember about Canakkale," the Turkish town they had left in 1914.

Today it is a city of 40,000, and horse-drawn carts there are as common as cars. At the turn of the century, its Jewish population peaked at 700 families, mine included. Today, only 35 Jews remain.

When at last my bus arrived there late one Friday afternoon last autumn, I found my family's 100-year-old synagogue still standing. But its gate looked permanently locked, and my heart sank with the conviction that I had come too late to see the inside.

Seven thousand miles from Chicago to Canakkale is a long haul, and I had to have something to show for it. So I began taking pictures of the temple's dull exterior. At this point a young pregnant woman said "welcome" from her window, behind me.

Started to hear English, I turned around to talk, but she motioned, *Brake* (one minute). She padded outside in slippers and knocked at the door of the apartment next to hers.

A stooped and poorly-shaven man emerged, his pants belted high above his waist.

"You speak English?" I asked him.

He nodded.

"My grandparents used to live here."

Again he nodded, seemingly unsurprised. "What was their name?" he asked.

"Eskenzi."

"And your father's?"

"Maxwell."

"No," he said, with a little smile. "In Hebrew."

"Hebrew?" I exclaimed, whereupon the old man introduced himself: Hayim Sidi, 71, the rabbi of Canakkale.

"It is 7 o'clock now," he said, looking at my watch. "At 8 o'clock we will meet at the synagogue for services because it is Shabbat."

And one hour later I was sitting in the sanctuary of my grandparents, as Rabbi Sidi led four old men in giving thanks to God.

THE Jews of Turkey have much to

Transcending time

LENORE SKENAZY goes on a sentimental journey from Chicago to Canakkale in Turkey.

be thankful for: 500 years without persecution.

In 1492, when Columbus sailed westwards from Spain, the Spanish Jews sailed in the opposite direction to flee the Inquisition.

In Turkey, Sultan Bayezid II not only welcomed these refugees but actually sent a fleet to rescue them. As ruler of an Islamic empire at a time when Moslems considered commerce beneath them, Sultan Bayezid hoped the Jewish artisans and businessmen would enrich his country.

This the Jews did, and in the process many enriched themselves. Throughout the centuries, however, rich and poor Jews alike kept a low profile. They lived their lives quiet removed from the Moslem mainstream, and never aspired to political power; most of them never even learned Turkish, being content to speak Ladino.

AFTER the Friday night service we retired to Rabbi Hayim's dimly-lit home where he showed me his 1816 prayerbook. "See," he said, turning a page worn soft as cloth, "this side is Hebrew — and this," he poked, "is Ladino."

The rabbi happily picked another volume from his small pile of books: *English Without Pain*, a 1949 French-English primer. Like most Turkish Jews, the rabbi learned French as a boy when he attended one of the many Jewish schools funded by the Rothschilds. Sixty years later he is learning English from this book of old jokes and aphorisms: "When an American dies he goes to Paris" (page 23). The rabbi knows these phrases like he knows the Psalms.

"I have been studying a little English every night for the past three years," he said.

"With just this one book?"

"Yes. I think it is very nice."

And believe it or not, so is his English.

We ate the supper his wife had prepared: okra in tomato sauce, stuffed peppers, salad, grapes; and we enjoyed the Coca-Cola served in

honour of the unexpected guest ("Normally we drink water").

Then the rabbi paged through his yellowed song book stuffed with hand-copied tunes from other sources and sang an Israeli ballad by sight-reading the notes. How old was the song? I don't know. But hearing the *haham* sing in Hebrew in my grandparents' hometown, I felt I had transcended time.

CERTAINLY it is easier to transcend time in Canakkale than in Istanbul, where most of Canakkale's Jews have re-established themselves during the last three decades. Of the 22,000 Jews still in Turkey, 20,000 live in Istanbul, a city of six million.

In Istanbul, the Jews lead cosmopolitan lives almost antithetical to the Canakkale rabbi's, who transcribes passages from the Prophets on parchment to eke out a living. A large number of Turkey's "city Jews" are in import-export or one of the professions. The majority are very well off, many own second homes — and virtually all speak Turkish, not Ladino, at home. Inter-marriage between Jews and Moslems, almost unheard of a generation ago, has claimed between 5 and 10 per cent of Istanbul's Jews, according to members of the community there.

But in Canakkale, emigration, not assimilation, was the factor that changed the community. Around World War I about one-third of Canakkale's Jews — maybe 1,200 people — left for America. Soon after Israel was established in 1948, another, smaller exodus from Canakkale left for the new state. Then there were those who moved to Istanbul.

The few Jews content to remain along the Dardanelles represent one of Turkey's most direct links with its long Jewish past.

THE NEXT morning of my stay in Canakkale Rabbi Sidi reopened the synagogue, and I followed his four shuffling congregants inside.

We read our prayers by the

filtered light of the autumn sun; when Rabbi Sidi opened the ark, a cold shiver ran through me. Something was terribly wrong. The Torah scrolls inside the ark looked exposed! I felt like a voyeur, but could not determine why until I realized that the scriptures looked asleep!

Some slept soundly, their robes in disarray; others looked dead tired, as if they'd tossed and turned to no avail. I felt we had barged in unannounced and seen what we were not meant to see.

As the rabbi explained later, this was somewhat the case. Since the synagogue attracts a *minyan* only on high holidays, the scrolls are very rarely removed from the ark. Throughout most of the year, the sacred scrolls hibernate. We had disturbed their sleep.

"NOW I AM at your service," said the rabbi after a brunch of *lakerda* and leftovers.

"I'd like to go to the cemetery to find my uncles' graves," I said. These uncles had died in infancy around 75 years ago.

"Perhaps you will find your uncles 60 years from now," said the rabbi, smiling. "In Paradise. But not here today in Canakkale."

A half-hour hike to the graveyard proved him right; rubble is all that remains of my readable "roots." Most of the tombstones have crumbled or worn smooth. Three graves were grazing there when we arrived, but I felt no revulsion. Life, after all, goes on. I was learning this, with the rabbi.

Back in town, the rabbi introduced me to the few Jews who were still there: Yasar Yohay, who runs a bustling, closet-sized sports goods store; Itzak, who runs the brick-oven bakery my aunts still remember; and 80-year-old Mrs. Taragano, fragile and pretty, who speaks an exquisite French. The first invited us to tea, the second plied us with fresh hot rolls, and Mrs. Taragano offered us homemade almond pastries and Turkish coffee.

Praiseworthy choices

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Three Plus One Concert Series organized by the Israel Composers League. Works by Mary Even-Or; Hindemith: *Symphonies*; Erwin Jungner; Haim Alexander; Noa Guy; Joseph Tal; Baris (Tel Aviv, Beit Ariela, February 16).

THIS CONCERT included no less than eight works, five by Israeli composers and three by foreigners, and with the exception of the Hindemith and the Szymanowski, all were world or Israeli premieres. For putting together this complex and diversified evening Joseph Dorfman deserves unqualified praise. The participation of a whole group of young artists added another, and important aspect to the concert.

Of all the works, including those by the non-Israeli composers, it was Erwin Jungner's song-cycle (*Four Songs for Bass-baritone and Piano*) that struck me as the most impressive, personal and meaningful. Jungner set to music four texts (in Hebrew translation) by what he called "the last generation of Rumanian-Jewish poets." All express great sadness and heart-breaking solitude. The music, using relatively simple means, in declaratory fashion, rising and falling with words (somewhat reminiscent of Mussorgsky), touchingly catches the resigned, sunset mood of the texts.

The piano part, played sensitively by Galina Zonis, with its dissonant modal textures, is of particular beauty. Bass-baritone Arie Epstein seemed genuinely involved but vocally he does not fulfil even the most rudimentary requirements.

Noa Guy sounded mightily pretentious in her explanatory notes. As to the music, "What if," well, I tried hard to follow her advice: "to become deeply absorbed in what happens to you while you

listen" (my translation). Regrettably nothing happened. (Performers were Orna Shick, clarinet and Orit Bechor, bassoon).

Joseph Tal in his *Movement for Tuba and Piano* also does not seem to have much musical purpose. In his wandering sounds, I could detect no direction. The performer however, tuba player Shmuel Herskko, acquitted himself brilliantly both in the Tal and the Hindemith sonata and proved that even the tuba, when handled properly, has its place on the concert stage. Neomi Lev attended most satisfactorily to both piano parts.

Another brilliant performer was violinist Ani Schnarch, who made the rather kitschy Szymanowski *Naturno and Tarantella* (with Galina Zonis at the piano) at least bearable. Violinist Yitzhak Rashkowsky joined Ani Schnarch in a committed and well prepared performance of Mary Even-Or's *Centrifuge in G* (for two violins), a work which breaks no new ground but nevertheless gives a convincing account of its three basic ideas: heterophony, linear-melodic counterpoint and homophony.

Ani Schnarch and Rashkowsky must also be credited with an impeccable performance of Luciano Brio's *Eight Duets Per Due Violini* which are each named after a close friend of the composer, thus creating an atmosphere of fun and humour. Another welcome deviation from seriousness was contributed by Haim Alexander with his gay and smiling songs for children ("My Absent Minded Friend"), fairly well sung by mezzo-soprano Tzvia Litsky, with Galina Zonis again providing a spirited and well-articulated piano part.

New Zionism

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

WE ARE ABOUT to get a new definition of Zionism.

The energetic, though suave, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Aryeh Dulin, has appointed a committee of scholars and political leaders to enunciate the purpose and role of the Zionist organization today. As if there had been a breach between the Zionism of old and the tasks Zionism should be undertaking now.

Herzl's thinking was plain enough. The Jews — a well-defined group on the European continent — were oppressed for no other reason than that they were strangers. Restore them to the land from which they had been driven and everything would fall into place.

It sounded at least as reasonable as the argument of another contemporary Jewish intellectual, who argued that, in the interests of justice, the ruling classes must give way to the classes under their subjection. Both men were bookworms, completely ignorant of the mechanics of the historical process — which, indeed, had not been studied in their lifetime.

Most Zionists, too, were bookish. Splitting hairs in defining Zionism was most important for their peace of mind. Read the minutes of the first Zionist Congress, compare the heated discussions over contemporary political gatherings. Nothing has changed.

IDEALS may be indispensable as

guidelines for the practical; they are not an aim in themselves. The Zionist ideal, stripped to its core, is to devise practical ways of bringing the bulk of the Jewish people to their holy land. Change this, and you have erased Zionism.

Prof. Joseph Agassi, who teaches at both Boston and Tel Aviv Universities, has just put the case in plain words in a Hebrew pamphlet issued by the Tel Aviv University Publishing House, entitled *Religion and Nationality — Towards an Israel National Identity*. He argues that Israel should separate religion from national affiliation and, like a "normal" Western nation, become "a Jewish state, just as France is a Catholic state and the U.S. a Christian state."

A historical fallacy this, of course, but one which serves the reformers who want Zionism to mean nothing. If there were the slightest possibility that the "reform" is based on solid ground, one should tell the four million "Israelis" frankly that they can abandon hope of seeing the Jews of the Diaspora here, and must face the fate of the Maronites.

But every Jew knows, and every gentle hopes, that the Jews in the Diaspora will disappear much sooner than Jewish leaders care to tell them. What can save us — and the Diaspora Jews — is practical measures, not ideological trimmings.

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In those years, he also came into contact with Dr. William Sandberg, later director of the Amsterdam Municipal Museum, and himself a typographical designer, who for several years after his retirement was an adviser to the Israel Museum. It was Sandberg, as Treumann recalls with affection, who set him on the road of his career by giving him the job of

designing the poster for a Van Gogh exhibition in Amsterdam, one of the first big exhibitions held there after the war. This commission was followed by many others — for posters, periodicals, catalogues, stamps for special occasions, etc.

Treumann, a long-time Labour Zionist, for many years designed the tree certificates for the Jewish National Fund. He designed the house emblem for the United Israel Appeal in Holland, or CIA, as it is called there, and for the CEFINA, the collective campaign for local Jewish needs, and recently for the Dutch Council for Christians and Jews. Treumann has designed the covers and the typography for all the catalogues of exhibitions at the Amsterdam Jewish Historical Museum, and not surprisingly has donated all the material of the present exhibit to the museum.

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An immeasurable smile

EGYPT'S PRESIDENT, Hosni Mubarak, is about to write a letter to Israel's premier, Yitzhak Shamir. In it, he will pledge continued commitment to the peace process. Mr. Mubarak revealed his intention to the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of the Major American Jewish Organizations, Julius Berman, who has just returned to Jerusalem from visiting him in Cairo.

This method of communication through prior publicity is rather uncommon in relations among leaders of nations, but it is comforting to learn that Egypt's president is anxious to scotch reports which portray him as having turned his back on the peace treaty with Israel and the Camp David accords. Now proof will be awaited that his deed is as good as his word.

Mr. Mubarak is not, however, rushing in with any such assurances. He readily granted Mr. Berman's request that Israel should be permitted to resume search for the bodies of 19 missing Israeli soldiers in Sinai. But that was a purely humanitarian gesture devoid, as he himself is reported to have emphasized, of all political significance. On matters of substance, Mr. Mubarak showed no sign of budging.

Thus he would not agree to send back his ambassador to Tel Aviv, from which the latter was recalled, arguably in violation of the peace treaty, as a protest against Israel's incursion into Lebanon in 1982.

Normal diplomatic ties between Egypt and Israel, Mr. Mubarak insists, will not be restored until the issues dividing the two countries have been resolved. This betrays an exotic notion of the purpose of normal diplomatic ties, which are usually held to be an aid in the solution of international differences. But Mr. Mubarak will not have his man back in Tel Aviv until Israeli troops withdraw from Lebanon, the border dispute over Taba ("a minor point") is settled, and, most important, the Palestinian question is resolved.

By the Palestinian question, the Egyptian president must mean the stalled autonomy talks. Israel for its part has agreed to resume the talks without regard to the absence of the Egyptian ambassador from his post. But Mr. Mubarak has turned down Mr. Shamir's appeal that he lend a helping hand. Egypt's condition now is that Jordan, too, should join the talks. But Jordan's decision depends entirely on King Hussein himself.

During his recent visit to the White House, in the company of Mr. Mubarak, Hussein pleaded with President Reagan to grant the Palestinian issue precedence, even over Lebanon. He must have struck a responsive chord. But he did not oblige Mr. Reagan by taking a firm decision to join the peace process.

The Hashemite monarch is still waiting for Yasser Arafat to give him the go-ahead. Unlike Mr. Mubarak, he is not calling on the U.S. to start a dialogue with the PLO chief (which, except for occasional exploratory talks, the U.S. will not do so long as that organization rejects 242 and does not recognize Israel's right to statehood). He might, it seems, be satisfied with a Camp David provision which allows the delegations of Egypt and Jordan to "include Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza and other Palestinians as mutually agreed."

Israel's official stand, as enunciated by the late Moshe Dayan as foreign minister, is that only known PLO operatives will be excluded. This is liberal enough a criterion to be acceptable to Jordan, and it should certainly be acceptable to Egypt. In any case, the terms of Camp David do not permit Egypt to refuse a solo role in the autonomy discussions even if Jordan declines to participate.

The sincerity of Mr. Mubarak's professions of devotion to the cause of peace will be shown by his pursuing the path charted at Camp David and in the peace treaty, without being deflected by considerations of popularity in the Arab and Moslem world.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS "LET THEM eat celluloid" may be the Ministry of Industry and Trade's attitude toward the public in the face of rising food prices.

In a recent economy move, the Ministry abolished its Division for Light Industries and at least one of its responsibilities, the Israel Film Centre, was transferred to the Food Division.

Reporting this recently, the Hebrew entertainment weekly *Lehiton* noted the decision was not entirely cupious: in Hebrew slang, lightweight popular-appearance movies are termed "burekas films." A more palatable explanation is that the same man, Gad Soen, heads both these departments. M.M.

PS THE DANISH Tourist Board has published a pamphlet on Jewish points of interest in Denmark. The brochure was written by Ralph Cohen, who was director of public relations for SAS until he retired in 1972 and who submitted the manuscript shortly before his death in 1983. In addition to providing a guide to various places of interest, it traces the history of the Jews in Denmark from the time they settled in that country in the 16th century. The pamphlet is available at the Danish Embassy at 32 Rehov Bnai Moshe, Tel Aviv. H.S.

PS TWO LONDON law-makers have protested against a new television puppet which portrays 19-month-old Prince William as a bawling brat.

The puppet depicting the son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana has been made for a late-night satirical show called *Spitting Image*, which is to be shown nationwide on Independent Television.

The show will also include puppet caricatures of Queen Elizabeth II, her husband Prince Philip, Charles and Diana, and other famous people.

"It is one thing to caricature people in public life who can defend themselves, but another to caricature a baby who can't," said Conservative lawmaker Jill Knight. "People must have sick minds to produce a caricature of a baby like this," she said. "I find it wholly offensive...I believe millions of people will be upset by this."

Fellow Conservative John Stokes also protested that the puppet was in bad taste. "There is something almost sick about the way people attempt to denigrate what we hold most dear," he said.

PS HOW LONG should it take for an express letter to get to Jerusalem from Haifa? Two days? Three? Certainly not the 20 it took for an urgent letter that finally reached us. Surely that's an all-time record for even the normally tortoise-legged gazelle of the Israel posts. A.R.

The anatomy of a compromise

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

"MOST LAWS that get passed are a compromise between the original intent and the final result," wrote David Eppman in his book, *The Anatomy of Legislation*, published a few years ago in the United States.

Certainly the bill amending the Transport Law regulations, which passed its first reading in the Knesset last week, is no exception to this assertion. The amendment, which will make it mandatory for physicians and psychologists to report to "an institution designated by the minister of transport" on the condition of any person under their treatment whose driving ability may be impaired, due to a variety of causes, is the result of more than four years of negotiation and compromise.

The original bill suggested by MK Nava Arad not only called for all persons whose driving ability might be impaired to be placed under restriction, but also demanded that any person known to be a "user of drugs" be refused permission to drive.

Dr. Katya Filsof of the Health Ministry was largely responsible for the failure of this bill to be tabled. At the Law Committee sessions, she argued that this was far too wide-ranging in its implications, pointing out that almost all medicines can have effects that might possibly impair driving ability in certain persons, and that advice and caution to the patient should be left as a matter between the doctor and the patient.

OF COURSE, Arad's bill was aimed at users of hard drugs such as heroin and morphine and of the more widely-used drugs such as hashish and marijuana. Her demand was seen, however, as too extreme and it was felt that it would be almost impossible to determine exactly who is a "drug user." Would it

include the teenager who was involved in a single pot party? Or only people under treatment for drug abuse? And if so, would it not deter people from seeking assistance over their drug problems?

In view of all these questions, the original bill was amended, and the law finally passed four years ago required that doctors and psychologists report on impaired driving ability only in the case of professional drivers.

According to advocate Lahavi of the staff of legal advisers to the Transport Ministry, very few cases of such a nature have been reported since the law came into operation.

The recent amendment, however, obliges all physicians and psychologists to report on the condition of any patient whose driving ability might in their opinion, be impaired in any way.

The transport minister has designated the Medical Institute for Road Safety of the Ministry of Health as the address to which these cases must be reported. Dr. Bernard Voltrich, head of the institute, will then be empowered to examine each case and to require whatever tests he and his staff feel necessary before making recommendations to the Transport Ministry concerning suspension or limitation of the person's driving licence.

EVEN THIS amendment was contrary to the wishes of the Health Ministry, since it specifically calls for the reporting of persons with diseases, if they cannot be stabilized, and psychological disturbances as well as actual mental illness. The discretion as to whether there is anything to report is left to the physician or the psychologist. Once a report has been made, a person who wishes to keep his or

her licence must go to the institute in Tel Aviv for examination. This may in some cases require several trips and be both time-consuming and expensive.

In addition, the Health Ministry again argued that the law may deter people with psychological difficulties from seeking expert assistance, since many people will be loath to go to a doctor or a psychologist if they know that their medical or mental condition is then to be a matter for direct governmental intervention.

One of the most interesting facts emerging from the negotiations concerning this law was that no statistics whatsoever that would indicate the need for such intervention were presented; and it seems that no one knows whether driver impairment is even a substantive factor in the accident statistics.

Another factor which this revision of the regulations under the Transport Law failed to take into consideration and act upon is that in Israel traffic accidents in which no one is injured are dismissed as "D.O." accidents, or damage only, and the police do not involve themselves in the matter in any way, feeling that the drivers must arrange things between themselves. But statistics published by the National Road Safety Council of the U.S. have shown that a high proportion of drivers who have serious and often fatal accidents have previously had a series of D.O. accidents.

Surely, some critics say, if one really wants to weed out the dangerous drivers in the system, one of the first steps should be to keep a record of repeated slight or non-reportable accidents. This, they say, could be done through the insurance companies, instead of through doctors and therapists.

Dry Bones



ALTHOUGH a number of physicians and psychologists told *The Jerusalem Post* that they are against the new amendment and feel that it is a violation of confidence between patient and doctor, the Israel Medical Association has made no official statement on the matter, and except for the Health Ministry, no one seems to have mounted any opposition or called it into question.

Ruth Levine, a clinical psychologist in the Sharon area, said that "the law makes us policemen instead of therapists." She doubts whether proper confidence concerning the exact amount a patient drinks or whether he or she uses drugs can be established when the patient knows that the therapist is going to report these facts to the licensing authorities.

Another problem that several therapists have mentioned is that the entire matter is far too subjective.

"Suppose," said one clinical psychologist, "that I have a patient who admits to a very large amount of

drinking. This would certainly be an impairment if that person drove while drinking, but the fact that he or she drinks immoderately is not an impairment if it isn't done while driving. If I report that this person drinks excessively — and I can assure you that some of my non-drinking colleagues would do so — then this patient is in for a lot of trouble when in fact he or she may never drive under the influence of alcohol."

The same problem arises with the doctor's or therapist's attitude towards a patient in the matter of "psychological disturbances." It all depends on what the doctor or therapist sees, or thinks he sees.

But whatever the Health Ministry may think of the new regulation, the amendment is almost certain to be passed into law in the near future, and many therapists and doctors feel that problems that were unforeseen will then have to be dealt with.

The writer is a member of *The Jerusalem Post* editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

MORAL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — On the TV's "New Evening" of January 29, Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Dan Margalit discussed the foiled attempt to place explosives on the Temple Mount. The former chief rabbi told his host that he did not believe that Jews could have planned to carry out such an attack on the Temple Mount. Rabbi Goren castigated Dan Margalit for presuming that Jews were involved, insisting that such suggestions, without hard evidence, harm the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

The rabbi spoke proudly of his edict, issued in 1967 to the IDF, when he was still its chief chaplain, prohibiting soldiers with weapons from ascending the Temple Mount.

After Alan Goodman's murderous shooting spree on the Temple Mount, after the unsuccessful attempt last spring by some 40 yeshiva students to break into the Temple Mount compound, and after Chief of Staff Moshe Levy acknowledged the existence of a violent Jewish underground in the territories, how can Rabbi Goren enunciate the pious conviction that Jews were not culpable in the latest attempt?

I call attention to Rabbi Goren's statements only because he still exercises considerable influence within rabbinic and political circles. Our religious and political leadership displays tendencies toward self-righteousness and xenophobia, thereby contributing to the psychological climate that spawns attacks on non-Jewish

persons and property. The Temple Mount incident points up the social explosiveness of such criminality motivated by religious or nationalistic intolerance.

Rabbi Goren has, in fact, stated publicly that violent attacks against non-Jewish institutions violate Jewish law and values. But his own "exemplary" behaviour in the Six Day War, at about the same time that he issued his *halachic* guidelines concerning the Temple Mount, may have had more impact on the public than any media pronouncements. In an interview which Rabbi Goren granted to journalist Benny Morris (in *The Jewish Monthly*, May 1983), he recounted the following incident:

"I was the first IDF soldier in Hebron... I overtook the leading military vehicles and entered the main square of old Hebron. The doors to the Tomb of the Patriarchs, burial site of Abraham and the second holiest site of Judaism, were locked. The Arabs inside refused to unbar the doors. My driver and I riddled the doors with bullets until they collapsed."

The rusted bullet holes in those huge green doors are still there today. Next to them is a sign in Hebrew which enjoins visitors to the shrine of Machpelah (holy to Muslims as well as Jews) to "observe the sanctity of this place." The discrepancy between sanctimonious appeals to pious conduct and the type of behaviour signified by those bullet holes indicates the grave challenge to the Jewish national soul today.

YEHEZKEL LANDAU
Jerusalem.

KEY-MONEY TENANTS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I refer to Haim Shapiro's article of February 1, "Key-money tenants object to law doubling their rents."

I am the owner of a house in which there are among others, also 14 protected tenants in flats of one and a half, two and three rooms. These 14 tenants pay together a monthly rent of IS\$3,500, that is an average of IS\$600 per flat, including payment for services. When a key-money tenant moves out, the owner gets only one third of the key-money paid by the new tenant, but has to pay 35 per cent taxes on the amount he gets.

Some protected tenants are living in the house since 1948. They paid

key-money at the time, but this payment included the original rent for the first two years.

Six protected tenants in my house are pensioners, who get German restitution payments in addition to National Insurance. Eight protected tenants are wage-earners and, in some families, their wives are working too.

The monthly rent on the free market for a flat of one and a half rooms is IS\$23,000 at least, whilst the protected tenants in my house are paying a ridiculous rent of IS\$600. In order to adjust the rents to a certain extent to reality, they should be increased by 2000 per cent.

Tel Aviv.

E. ECKMANN

DOUBLE STANDARDS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Will someone kindly explain to me on what grounds Israel is so strenuously objecting to German arms sales to Saudi Arabia? Might it be that Israel, this stronghold of democracy and morality in the Middle East, is concerned that the arms will be used by the Saudis "outside" of Saudi Arabia, and not for defensive purposes? That would be a very legitimate objection, but not coming from a country that has blatantly and repeatedly flouted this same principle by using American arms, given for defence, in assorted inva-

sions of lands outside its own frontiers.

Is it all right for Israel to do so, but not for others? What kind of double standards do we have here? The classical, hackneyed excuse of security, invoked by Israel, no longer fools anyone, not even its glib American friends.

Obviously, Israeli politicians go by the single remaining commandment of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* (how appropriate, in 1984!), that all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.

DJENANE KAMIL
Cairo.

WEST BANK MAYORS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I refer to the article published in your issue of February 20 under the heading, "Call for elections in the West Bank," written by Messrs. Yehuda Lukacs and Hillel Schenker.

With all due respect to the writers, I would like to amend their statement that "Bethlehem's Mayor Elias Freij is the only elected mayor still in office today."

As a matter of fact, there are many elected mayors in the West Bank who are still in office. They include those of Beit-Satur, Tulkarm, Tubas, Salfit, Betunia, Silwad and others.

ELIAS M. FREIJ
Mayor of Bethlehem

INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — If Tsali Reshef of Peace Now had been a sophisticated politician, he would no doubt have avoided laying himself open to misinterpretation by making the statement that Zalman Shoval denounced as "incitement to violence" (letters-February 7). A man of Mr. Shoval's intelligence and experience, however, should not have blundered into making this preposterous charge.

Reshef's intention was quite clear. He was pointing out the absurdity of the idea that Avruhami might have thrown the grenade that killed Emil Grunzweig in revenge for his brother's death in the Lebanese War.

Why, he was asking, in effect, should it be regarded as quite natural that the suspect should vent his wrath on those who wanted to stop the killing, instead of on the men who sent the soldiers out to fight in a futile and unnecessary war?

There is not the slightest chance that anyone who might be influenced by Tsali Reshef would follow in the footsteps of whoever it was who made the murderous attack on those whose political opinions he detested.

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MISHA LOUVISH

DEPENDENCE ON U.S.

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I refer to Gaby Sheffer's article "Price of dependence" (February 16). It is a fallacy to compare Israel to other small countries in the West. None of these countries is threatened by its neighbours. None of these countries has astronomical defence expenditures amounting to one third of their budget. None of these countries requires U.S. diplomatic support in order not to be excluded from the U.N. and to prevent the imposition of sanctions proposed against them in the Security Council. None of these countries is subjected to Arab boycott and to Arab pressure in international trade and political relations.

Therefore, it is simplistic to assume that dependence on the U.S. can be avoided by Israel. None of the European countries can be counted on in case of need. We shouldn't forget that, during the Yom Kippur War, these countries didn't even allow the refuelling of U.S. planes bringing vital arm supplies to Israel. When it comes to anti-Israel resolutions in the Security Council, the best the Europeans can do is to abstain.

As to trade, one should keep in mind that the U.S. market is twice as big as the European market and the free trade agreement with the U.S. may revolutionize Israel's economy.

Of course, dependence *per se* is undesirable, but in Israel's case, it is unavoidable and also not as tragic as Mr. Sheffer thinks.

DR. JACOB ROSEN
Netanya.

SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — The People of the Pen would like to publicly thank the People of the Book for hosting the best convention in the 28-year history of the Society of American Travel Writers. Credit for this accomplishment must go to the Ministry of Tourism, and to the many individuals and enterprises involved in the Convention.

SATW came to Israel to conduct the business of our organization and to gather story material for our newspapers, magazines, radio and television broadcasts. As we photographed, interviewed and toured Israel, we met the Israeli and learned about his/her life style.

ETHEL BLUM,
President, 1983
Society of American Travel Writers
Miami, Florida.

SHAARE ZEDEK

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I read with interest your editorial of February 12 and wish to correct one paragraph.

The Ministry of Health never bowed to pressure of the directors to build a new hospital; on the contrary, the government, particularly the late Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir, suggested building new facilities with an infrastructure for 700 beds and promised to match all donations raised by the hospital, a promise which was only partially kept.

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In the meantime, the whole system and philosophy of hospitalization changed and far less hospital beds were deemed necessary for the population of Israel. As a result, the new hospital was licensed for about 300 beds only, which was a very serious blow to the plans with far reaching financial ramifications.

CHAIM COHEN,
Member of the Board of Directors,
Shaare Zedek Medical Center
Jerusalem.

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